

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1,4-6, 9-10, 12-15, and 19-20 are amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-18 are allowed. Claims 1-16 are considered allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 19-20 are considered allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowable subject matter of claims 1-20.

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the rejections and submits that claims 1-20 are now in allowable form.

Amendments to the Specification

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 43, line 11, is amended to correct a spelling error.

Objections to the Drawings

Figure 22 is objected to because it was not designated as prior art. Applicant has amended Figure 22 to include a prior art legend.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claims 1-16 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner and submits that all claims are now in form for allowance.

Conclusion

This application is now believed to be in form for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the

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Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss any steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Please charge any fees due in connection with this response to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 22. This sheet, which includes Fig. 22, replaces the original sheet. In Fig. 22, the legend --Prior Art-- has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



FIG.22

Prior Art

Legend
Added

